

# STOOD AS STONE WALL

Against Arbitrary Increase  
Of Property Values

According To Program Of  
Willis Tax Commission

Riley, Jackson And Bebout  
Save The Taxpayers

Of Knox County From Being  
The Victims

Of High-Handed Methods In  
Other Counties

The taxpayers of Knox county may congratulate themselves that Walter Riley is county auditor and Chas. B. Jackson and W. P. Bebout are members of the board of revision. These three men, all Democrats, have stood as a stone wall against the state tax commission's plan of arbitrarily raising the values on property, as returned by the assessors, without giving notice to the property owners, and have prevented the program of the Willis administration in that particular from being carried into effect in Knox county, as it was in many counties of the state.

The property owners of Knox county should know that it was no fault of the Willis state tax commission that they were not soaked good and hard, as the taxpayers in many counties were bumped.

Even though Knox county property owners escaped the high-handed action of the state tax commission, their sympathies will go out to taxpayers of other counties of the state who have been victims, and at this time will be much interested in phases of the situation in Franklin county, as illustrative of what has been happening over Ohio, shown in the article in the Columbus Dispatch of Saturday evening, and from which the following is taken:

Thousands of citizens throughout the state whose taxes were arbitrarily raised by county boards of revision, created by the Parrett-Whittemore law, which Governor Willis forced the legislature to enact, are now convinced that this act, instead of decentralizing authority, as so insistently asserted by the chief executive, flagrantly centralizes authority.

"We have given you a law that restores home rule to the people," says the governor in practically every political speech he makes, in praising his pet measures, the Parrett-Whittemore law. The multitude of citizens whose taxes were boosted sky high by revision boards appointed under authority of this law by the governor, cannot see where this home rule in taxation spoken of so eloquently by the governor comes in.

**TRUTH STANDS REVEALED**  
That the Parrett-Whittemore law, under which returns of taxpayers were increased without notice or hearing,

from one end of the state to the other, by the Willis taxing appointees, is a centralizer and not a decentralizer, is plainly shown by orders which the state tax commission sent out to county auditors on August 8.

The proof that the new administration law takes away any rights that the taxpayers might have with reference to be called in and notified when it was intended to increase their returns is furnished by these parts of the commission's order:

**WHERE JOKER HIDES**  
"Boards of revision are not required under the law (the Parrett-Whittemore law) to give individual notice in cases of increase of valuations of personal property."

The foregoing paragraph speaks for itself. It clearly tells that the governor's new taxing law does not require that citizens be told that their returns are to be increased.

**HOMERULE BUNK**  
The tax commission's order also says that the commission realizes that, as a rule, it is impracticable for boards of revision to cite taxpayers before them, "BUT IT SHOULD BE REMEMBERED THAT THERE IS NO REQUIREMENT UNDER THE LAW THAT THIS SHOULD BE DONE."

And so the state tax commission, in its order, makes it clear that there is no home rule, such as boasted about by the administration, in this law. The taxpayers have no more chance than a rabbit under it.

The assessors, whom they elect, go around and make the assessments, based on the returns given them by the taxpayers, and then the board of revision officials, appointed by Governor Willis, take these returns and slap on such increases as their fancy may suggest, without calling in the taxpayers to give them a chance to explain whether the increases are just or unjust.

Under the Parrett-Whittemore law assessors are unnecessary. The board of revision ignores the assessors and fixes up the returns to suit itself and the taxpayers are the sufferers. And in arbitrarily adding on taxes these revision boards carried out the instructions of the state tax commission, as the commission's order of August 8 shows.

**REITERATE INSTRUCTIONS**  
To make sure that the revision boards would not be in error about the intent and provisions of the law, the state tax commission in its order, repeated several times the fact that the "only notice required under the law being the newspaper publications of the completion of the tax list," which leave the taxpayer in the dark as to what had been done to him.

"The theory of the law (the Parrett-Whittemore law) is—and it has always been so—that owners of personal property should go to the auditor's office to examine the tax lists and not depend upon individual notifications of increases," asserted the commission in its order.

According to this, the taxpayer should walk down to the courthouse and have the county auditor look up the duplicate and let him know if the board of revision raised him.

**MUZZLE ORDERS SENT OUT**  
"Don't give out any information to the newspapers," is the warning sent to board of revision officials by the state tax commission, who are thoroughly alarmed over the feeling stirred up among taxpayers generally because of the arbitrary increases made in their returns, and which increases the commission was forced to repudiate because of popular uprising.

**AMAZED AT BLUNDER**  
Old-time Republican politicians are amazed over the blundering shown by the Willis appointees in going ahead and ordering universal arbitrary increasing of taxes without notifying the citizens of giving them a chance to be heard. "Slap on the taxes so that we can make a good showing under the Parrett-Whittemore law," in effect was the order sent by the state tax commission to the various board of revision officials, which the commission appointed by order of the governor.

The thousands of citizens whose taxes were raised without notice are wondering where the home rule in taxes that Governor Willis talks about so eloquently in his political speeches when discussing his favorite measure, the Parrett-Whittemore law, comes in. The assessors whom they elected to fix their valuations were ignored and instead the valuations were arbitrarily fixed by a set of officials appointed by order of the governor.

**MESS AWAITS WILLIS**  
When Governor Willis returns to his office next week from Maine, where he has been making a series of speeches for Candidates Hughes and Fairbanks, he will be fully informed of the blundering of his appointees and of the awful howl that the taxpayers have set up over the injustices imposed upon them by these officials acting under the provisions of his new tax law. It will be a doleful story that will be poured into his ear. He will be told plainly that his appointees made a sorry mess of it in saddling increased taxes on thousands of citizens and that the important thing to do from now on during the rest of the cam-

paign is to try to make them forget the grievances under which they are smarting.

**WILL DENY RESPONSIBILITY**  
The first thing for the chief executive to do will be to issue a statement denouncing any arbitrary increasing of taxes and declaring that nothing of the kind can be done under the Parrett-Whittemore law, his own measure, which declaration may be somewhat confusing in view of the fact that such self-same increases were made under this act, but were ordered knocked out when it became apparent that thousands of victimized taxpayers were in a mood to either lynch someone or do something else nearly as drastic if the wrongs perpetrated against them were not righted.

## HARMONY

### Prevalent At Democratic Committee Organization

Patrick A. Berry Chosen Executive  
Chairman—Meeting Held in  
Club Headquarters  
Saturday

The Democratic executive committee, recently selected by the central committee, met Saturday afternoon in the headquarters of the Knox County Democratic club, Kirk building, and effected the following organization:

Chairman—P. A. Berry.  
Vice Chairman—George Fishburn.  
Secretary—Bert O. Evans.  
Treasurer—Fred J. Lawler.

There was a good percentage of the membership of the committee in attendance and harmony prevailed throughout.

## UNSANITARY

Condition Of City Prison Will Be  
Discussed By Council Following  
Inspection

The condition of the city lock-up will be one of the topics of discussion at the regular meeting tonight of city council.

President Jay R. Clutter, together with several councilmen, has visited the steel cage and the surrounding rooms in the Third Ward engine house and the state of affairs in this harbor for hoboes and other city prisoners is said to be terrible.

Lack of sanitary conveniences and absolute inability to cope with the infesting bed-bugs are said to be the greatest evils.

You can make a hit with a woman by calling her a vision. But you can't call her a sight and get away with it.

## WUCHNER'S

PIKE BIGGEST CATCH OF LOCAL  
CAMPING PARTY

Two Weeks In Snow Islands Net Nice  
Haul Which Is Shipped Back  
To This City

Donald M. Snow Edward Wuchner, A. J. Darrah and G. R. Smith returned Monday to their homes in this city after two weeks spent in camp at Snow Islands. The boys shipped a keg of fish, caught while there, home to their friends. The fish arrived Monday morning.

The largest fish in the lot was a pike and measured 32 inches in length. It was caught by Mr. Wuchner. Of the fish shipped back all were pike with the exception of one bass, which weighed 2 1/2 lbs.

## BEBOUT

CHILDREN RECOVER FROM THE  
SMALLPOX ATTACKS

Henry Fawcett Improved—Physicians  
Uncertain As To Nature Of  
Miss Fawcett's  
Illness

Pipesville, Aug. 28.—The physician attending the smallpox cases at this place has as yet been unable to determine whether Miss Mabel Fawcett, who has been quite ill for several days, is suffering from the disease. Tuesday will be the fifth day of her illness and usually the disease manifests itself at that period. Henry Fawcett is still improving, while the two children of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bebout, who contracted a light case of the disease, are reported to have entirely recovered. No new cases have been reported.

## M. P. SUNDAY SCHOOL

ELECTS NEW OFFICERS—TAY-  
LOR RETIRES AFTER FOUR  
YEARS' SERVICE

The following officers were elected Sunday morning by the Sunday school of the Methodist Protestant church: Superintendent—Ralph G. Brook. First Asst.—H. E. Oberholtzer. Second Asst.—Clarence E. Stoyia. Treasurer—Milton Reeder. Secretary—Ralph E. Ward. Pianist—Mrs. Edwin Jacobs. Assistant—Pearl Smith. President Men's Bible Class—Fred Buxton.

Albert P. Taylor who has been superintendent of the Sunday school for the past four years was renominated, but declined to serve any longer.

## Society News

Wedded In  
Mansfield

Mr. Russell R. Robison of this city and Miss Minnie Hyatt of Fredericktown were united in marriage Sunday evening in Mansfield. The young couple slipped quietly away from their friends and motored to Mansfield where the ceremony was performed. Mr. Robison is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Benton G. Robison of Coshocton avenue and has a large circle of friends, both in the city and in Fredericktown, where he has been employed for several months. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. John Hyatt of Fredericktown and is well known in this city. Mr. and Mrs. Robison will make their home in Fredericktown.

Horn Family  
Reunion

About three hundred people attended the reunion of the Horn family at the Union Grove church Saturday. The speaker of the day was T. J. Remington of Danville. At noon an old-fashioned picnic dinner was served on the grass. In the afternoon a short program was given and the following officers were elected for the coming year:

President—Guy C. Horn.  
Vice President—Ray Horn.  
Secretary—Wilfred Phillips.  
Treasurer—Cecil Horn.

It was decided to hold the reunion next year at Clem Horn's grove, about four miles north of Danville. Music was furnished throughout the day by the Howard band.

Engagement  
Announced

Mrs. Walter McGinley and Miss Eulalia Hyatt entertained twelve ladies in a delightful manner at the home of the former last Friday afternoon from 2 to 5.

Elegant refreshments were served, the color scheme in the dining room being yellow and white. The favors were yellow crepe baskets with birds perched on the handles.

The birds held cards which bore the announcement of the engagement of Miss Fannie DeVoe a popular primary teacher of Fredericktown, and C. Walter Hyatt, a brother of the hostess.

The wedding will take place in the fall.

Ashburn-Fry  
Wedding

Squire George S. Harter performed the ceremony that united the lives of Mr. Charles H. Ashburn and Miss Helen M. Fry Saturday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. Mr. and Mrs. Ashburn will reside on a farm near Utica.

It is fortunate that a dog is usually faithful to the worthless man, otherwise he might not have any friends.

## ENTRY

BOOKS FOR FAIR OPENED—SEC-  
RETARY URGES SPEEDY WORK  
BY EXHIBITORS.

Books opened for entries for the Knox county fair Monday morning, and as the prospect this year is for large exhibits in all departments, we would advise making your entries early.

Entries in live stock departments close Saturday, Sept. 9. All other departments entries close the first day of the fair at 5 o'clock p. m., but do not wait until the last days, for the secretary's office will be rushed and you cannot expect the service that you will receive with early entries.

HOWARD C. GATES,  
Secretary.

## DEATHS

Mrs. Sarah Setzler

Mrs. Sarah Setzler died at eleven o'clock Sunday morning at her home, 606 West Chestnut street, after a five months' illness of pernicious anemia. The deceased, who was born in England, came to Mt. Vernon at the age of 7 years, where she has resided ever since. She was in her seventieth year.

Forty-nine years ago, she was married to Valentine Setzler, who survives her, with one daughter, Mrs. Harold McCullough, and four grandchildren of Cleveland, Ohio. She also leaves three sisters and two brothers, Mrs. E. P. Phifer and Mrs. Emma Lee of Kansas City, Mo., William Jackson of Fairport Harbor, Ohio, Mrs. Martha Ewing and George Jackson of this city.

She was a member of the Daughters of Rebekah lodge. For thirty-five years she was a member of the Methodist Protestant church.

Funeral services Tuesday at 2 p. m. at the house. Services conducted by Rev. O. E. Ford. Burial in Mount View cemetery.

## HORSE A WINNER

Vilko, the Vanko, a horse owned by Jesse Harris of Fredericktown, took second money in two races at London, O., last week. This horse has been started five times and has taken second money in each race.

## GAME POSTPONED

Owing to the heavy rainfall Sunday morning, the game between Wooster and Mt. Vernon was postponed on account of wet grounds. There will be a game next Sunday and on Labor Day Ashland will play at Athletic park. Game called at 2:30. Ashland has a fast club and guarantees the fans of Mt. Vernon a good game on that day. Rufus Horn has been secured for the remainder of the season and will be in the line-up next Sunday.

## RACING MACHINES PILE UP ON TRACK

Two Men Killed and Eight In-  
jured at Kalamazoo.

Kalamazoo, Mich., Aug. 28.—Two men were killed and eight others injured, one of them fatally, when eleven of fourteen automobiles piled up at the first turn during the 100-mile race at Recreation park here. The dead: Mariott Arnold, mechanic, Chicago, decapitated; Jack Peacock, driver, Brooklyn, both hips broken and head crushed; died in hospital. F. E. Marquette of this city is probably fatally hurt.

The accident occurred when Peacock's car, leading in the race, skidded and struck the fence at the first turn. It was overturned and thrown squarely across the track. Before track attendants could signal the other drivers ten of the machines going at a terrific clip plowed into the overturned car. Five of them were completely demolished. The car of Andy Burt, whose mechanic, Mariott Arnold, was killed, was the first to strike that of Peacock. Nine others came into view a moment later.

The accident is the worst that has occurred at Recreation park since 1911, when Lee Oldfield's racing car plowed through the fence and killed eight persons.

## JAMES TO PRESIDE

Arrangements Completed for Wilson  
Notification Ceremonies.

New York, Aug. 28.—Plans for the notification of President Wilson of his renomination were announced after a meeting of the general committee appointed to arrange for the event. The main ceremony will take place at Shadow Lawn, Long Branch, N. J., at 4 o'clock on Sept. 2 and will be preceded at 1 o'clock by a luncheon given by President and Mrs. Wilson to the notification and reception committee members and their wives. It was announced at Democratic headquarters in New York that the public generally will be welcome to Shadow Lawn on Sept. 2. Written invitations have gone out only to members of the national committee, the delegates to the national convention and Democratic leaders, but, without invitations, all admirers of Mr. Wilson may attend. Arrangements have been made to accommodate between 12,000 and 15,000 persons. Senator Ollie James of Kentucky, as chairman of the St. Louis convention, will make the speech of notification, and President Wilson will respond.

## Catholic Priest Dead.

Columbus, Aug. 28.—Rev. Father J. T. Keely, forty-nine, Dominican priest, formerly assistant pastor of St. Patrick's church here, died at Louisville, Ky., where he had been located during the last few years. He was born in Zanesville. He will be buried at Somerset Wednesday.

**Epworth League Elects.**  
Port Clinton, O., Aug. 28.—V. R. Lewis of Warren has been elected president of the Ohio State Epworth League organization. Other newly-elected officers are: Jessie Poock, Medina, secretary, and Jay DeWitt, Toledo, treasurer.

## Bremen on Its Way.

Berlin, Aug. 28.—The Cologne Gazette says the German merchant submarine Bremen is now on her way to the United States with a cargo of dyes.

## LIVE STOCK AND GRAIN

**EAST BUFFALO, Aug. 28.**  
Cattle—Shipping steers, \$1 25@13 00; butcher steers, \$6 75@9; heifers, \$6 00@8; cows, \$5 75@7 25; bulls, \$5 00@7; fresh cows and springers, \$5 00@11 00; calves, \$4 50@12 50.

Hogs—Heavy, \$11 20@11 25; mixed, \$11 15@11 25; Yorkers, \$10 00@11 25; pigs, \$9 75@10; roughs, \$9 00@9 50; stags, \$7 00@8 50.

Sheep and Lambs—Yearlings, \$5 00@9; wethers, \$7 75@8; ewes, \$4 00@7 50; mixed sheep, \$7 50@7 75; lambs, \$7 00@11.

**CHICAGO, Aug. 28.**  
Cattle—Native beef steers, \$4 50@10 00; cows and heifers, \$3 25@9; stockers and feeders, \$4 75@7 50; calves, \$9 50@11 75. Hogs—Light, \$10 40@11 10; mixed, \$10 10@11 05; heavy, \$10 00@11; roughs, \$9 00@10 25; pigs, \$7 40@9 40.

Sheep and Lambs—Sheep, \$6 15@7 75; lambs, \$6 50@10 65.

**CLEVELAND, Aug. 28.**  
Cattle—Choice fat steers, \$5 25@9; butcher steers, \$4 97 25; heifers, \$5 75@7 50; bulls, \$5 00 75; cows, \$5 00 50; calves, \$5 00.

Hogs—Yorkers, heavies and mediums, \$10 80; pigs, \$9 50; roughs, \$9 50; stags, \$8 25.

Lambs—\$10 25@10 50.

**PITTSBURGH, Aug. 28.**  
Cattle—Choice fat steers, \$5 50@9 50; butcher steers, \$5 25@8 75; heifers, \$7 25@8; cows, \$5 50@9 00; bulls, \$6 75@7 25; calves, \$5.

Hogs—Heavies and heavy Yorkers, \$11 05@11 10; light Yorkers, \$10 00@10 50; pigs, \$9 00@10.

**CINCINNATI, Aug. 28.**  
Cattle—Steers, \$5 00@9; heifers, \$5 00@7; cows, \$4 00 50; calves, \$5 00@11 50.

Hogs—Packers and butchers, \$10 00@11; common to choice, \$7 50@9 00; pigs and lights, \$6 50@9 50; stags, \$7 00 75.

Sheep and Lambs—Sheep, \$1 00 75; lambs, \$5 00@11 25.

Receipts—Cattle, 1,000; hogs, 4,000; sheep and lambs, 1,000.

**BOSTON, Aug. 28.**  
Wool—Ohio and Pennsylvania fleeces: Delaine washed, 25¢@40¢; half blood combed, 35¢; three-eighths blood combed, 45¢; delaine unwashed, 25¢@30¢.

**TOLEDO, Aug. 28.**  
Wheat, \$1 58; corn, \$1 00; oats, 45¢@48¢; clover seed, \$5.



OUR semi-annual Rummage Sale will be held in the basement  
department Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, August 29,  
30 and 31.

All summer merchandise must be sold during these three days.  
We are not quoting prices here but you know from previous years  
what this sale will be like, so come early and avoid the rush. Some  
of the items offered will be:

Coats  
Suits  
Waists  
Skirts  
Middy Blouses

Curtain Remnants  
Sport Coats  
Wash Skirts  
Sport Hats  
House Dresses

Ladies' and Chil-  
dren's Muslin  
Wear  
Odds and Edds of  
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